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Kentucky Archives Month Observed, October 2008

[CITY OR TOWN (in capital letters)], Ky. ([date], 2008) -- Kentuckians throughout the Commonwealth will celebrate their rich archival heritage during the first annual Kentucky Archives Month in October 2008 with the theme "Celebrating the Commonwealth Record", which commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of Kentucky's Public Records Law. For the past six years, Kentucky has observed Archives Week through a week long celebration during one week in October. This year we are pleased to announce a transition to a month long celebration to be held each year in October. Kentucky's Archives Month also coincides with a national celebration of American Archives Month.

There are almost 300 archival and manuscript repositories in Kentucky that hold archival records that document Kentucky history and life, such as papers, photographs, diaries, letters, and government records such as deeds and wills. Many of these institutions are hosting open houses, exhibits, special programs and speakers to highlight historical materials available for research in Kentucky archival and manuscript repositories.

In honor of Kentucky Archives Month, [name of your institution or organization] will host the following events: _____; _____; and _____.

Kentucky Archives Month is sponsored by the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board, the Kentucky Council on Archives, and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. For a complete listing of events throughout the state, see <http://archivesmonth.ky.gov> or call 502.564.8300 x. 246.